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RAJYA SABHA

Permission to land USA aircraft at Indian airports

†1247. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have taken any decision to allow USA for landing their fighter aircraft F-16 at Indian airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Indo-Russia defence interaction

1248. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the joint development and production of sophisticated weapon systems and arms would be the new sector in Indo-Russia defence interaction;

(b) whether Russia has also agreed to offer India a stake in the joint development and production of the fifth generation multi role fighters to compete with U.S.;

(c) if so, the details of the projects which would be set up in India in joint-collaboration;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether monetary aspect of this project has been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when the project would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) A joint development programme for developing supersonic anti-ship cruise missile with Russia is under progress;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to part (b) of the Question.

Moscow pricing policy for military hardware

1249. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have agreed to set up a body to deal with irregularities in Moscow pricing policy for military hardware and spare parts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the body is expected to give its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The pricing of military hardware and spares is finalised with Russian companies in Price Negotiation Committees (PNCs) constituted in the Ministry of Defence. Separate PNCs are constituted for each contract to be entered into with the Russian side.